

Russo: Early frost possible this fall

Ag meteorologist Mark Russo says Illinois farmers could see a shortened growing season, if El Nino conditions prevail. He talks about this year's "perfect" growing season.

This year's perfect growing season may still have few surprises ahead, says meteorologist Mark Russo. He told the IFB Commodities Conference Wednesday that 2014 has seen few, if any problems, but a growing El Nino may show up this fall.

Russo says August's weather should mirror the cool, dry conditions we've seen in July. But, wetter conditions may show up in late September or October – much like the infamous wet 2009 harvest.

Looking at global conditions, Russo says there are no major problems with the exception of drought conditions in the corn growing region of northeastern China and the wheat belt of eastern Australia.

Russo says his research has found that the spring planting season in Illinois has been getting wetter over the past few decades.